

## **Mansfield Commission on Aging**

### **Minutes of Nov. 14, 2016**

Present: Will Bigl, Laurie McMorrow, John Riesen, Nancy Trawick-Smith, Bettejane Karnes

Staff: Sarah Taylor, Pat Schneider

Community Representatives: Judy Bigl, Carol Phillips

Guest: Marie Hakmiller

Oct. 17 minutes were accepted with addition of "Mansfield Senior Center" before word "Association" on page two. Also, change "Oct. 19" to "Sept.19" in 7<sup>th</sup> line, page one.

Marie Hakmiller, President of the Mansfield Senior Center Association, explained the differences between the former By-Laws and the present By-Laws and how they affect the organization. Chief changes are transitioning to an advocacy for the Senior Center activities, fund development for specific events and support of volunteers. Other changes include a membership fee, a more inclusive eligibility for membership and an Annual Membership Dinner. Ms. Hakmiller has been asked to be a regular attendant at the COA meetings, listing her as a representative. She invited questions from the COA.

Short reports were heard from Carol Phillips (Glen Ridge), Judy Bigl, (Jensen's) concerning respective housing news.

Pat Schneider, Human Services Director. The COA members will be informed when the Facilities Committee gives its report to the Town Council on the Senior and Wellness Center. Members should plan to attend to show support.

P. Schneider was appointed to the National Accreditation Board and received congratulations. She will be in a good position to evaluate our own center and give positive suggestions.

Holiday programs are well underway for matching the needs of families with the contributions from the community.

Suggestions for the Town Budget should be made at this time.

Sarah Taylor, Senior Center Supervisor distributed copies of an Annual Report from July 2015 to June 2016. She highlighted several significant parts of the report including a page of goals for 2016-2017.

Both Veterans' Day celebrations went well at the Senior Center and at the Community Center. Anyone is able to join the social group which meets once a month at the Senior Center.

Regular activities and trips are doing well and gaining members.

Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Wednesday for 80 members.

Facebook is being utilized to promote MSWC.

Grant applications for Maple Road Café and Library are being completed.

Election of officers by unanimous vote: Wilfred Bigl, Chair; Laurie McMorrow, Vice Chair; Beverly Korba, Secretary. Officers will continue for one year.

Meeting adjourned 10:30

Next Meeting Dec.12, 9:30, Craft room.

Bettejane Karnes, Sec. Pro Tem.